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COUNTY JUDGE CLARK INSPECTS HIGHWAY

PERSONAL INVESTIGATION IS MADE TO ASCERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Statements of Highway Engineer Do Not Bear Closest Investigation as to Work Done.

County Judge Clark has been out the still hunt this week on a tour of investigation and inspection of the Columbia highway. The judge went to Goble, Thursday by automobile, and from there by foot to that portion of the highway on Goble to Prescott. At a point on the highway between those two places there is a section of the work which is said to be woefully deficient in the standard of its construction. Recent statements given it were to the effect that through the distance of the completed and every requirement of the specifications for construction were minutely complied with. Judge Clark did not feel perfectly satisfied regarding the matter, hence his personal investigation.

At a point on this section of the highway the judge states that he personally knows there is a portion of a mile in length which is added to a width of not more than four feet, still Major Bowlby reports and maintains that the grade is up the twenty-four foot standard as called for in the specifications. Judge Clark took with him a camera, that he might procure photographs showing the real conditions as they exist.

In fact, there are a good many interesting developments in the highway situation. Judge Clark is vigorously protesting against allowing the highway engineer to have anything to do whatever with the further expenditure of funds raised by this county, and his position is backed up by the best authority in the state. It therefore is a settled fact that Major Bowlby will not let the expenditure of any more public money on the highway here. There is a fund of just \$40,000 available for use on the highway this year, and the county court has its own ideas as to how and where this fund is to be expended. There are two points on the highway which will require considerable work in bringing them up to specifications. These are at Neer City and at Prescott hill. Judge Clark informed the writer that with these exceptions the grade is nearly enough completed to permit of the highway being used as a thoroughfare from Tidewater to the Clatsop county line. This does not mean of course, that it would be a boulevard by any means, but with the advent of dry weather it would be possible to use the road in its rough condition through the summer season.

What the court is striving to accomplish is a passable road until such time as funds will be available to surface it. The forty thousand dollars on hand, the Judge thinks, will complete the grade and install temporary wooden bridges, but he insists that this work be done under the supervision of the county court. Major Bowlby's extravagance and incompetence are so thoroughly known to the court that it cannot be persuaded to allow him any further latitude.

It is the hope of the court that the state will be able to set aside funds for beginning the work of surfacing the highway. There is a state fund of approximately \$100,000 available for that purpose to be used in the state this year, but there are so many demands upon the state highway commission from all over the state that it cannot be ascertained to any degree of certainty whether this county will get any of the money or not. Of one thing there is no doubt. The state highway commission will not appropriate funds for that purpose in this county if Major Bowlby is to supervise the work. In the event that the appropriation is made the court informs us that the money will be utilized for surfacing the highway leading north from the Multnomah county line. Judge Clark contends that surfacing should start at that point and be continued northward through the county as funds are available.

At this juncture a peculiar situation confronts the court. The state

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CANDIDATES FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Citizens Caucus and Place a Good Ticket Before the People.

The caucus of citizens held last Monday evening in St. Helens for the purpose of nominating candidates for positions in city officialdom was a largely attended meeting of representative citizens, and the results of their deliberations have been commented upon very generally as giving satisfaction. The meeting was honored by the presence of a great many ladies, who evinced a very keen interest in the deliberations. The caucus was called to order by Mayor A. W. Mueller, who stated the object for which the citizens had assembled. He was later chosen to preside over the proceedings, and Recorder E. E. Quick was chosen secretary.

Nominations for mayor having been declared in order, J. W. Allen, in a ten minute's talk, presented the name of S. C. Morton before the convention. The nomination was seconded by Rev. Mr. Myers. No other name having been presented to the convention the chair called for a standing vote to make Mr. Morton's nomination unanimous. Practically everybody in the hall stood up, which is interpreted as a very complimentary expression of respect and confidence in behalf of the young gentleman. Mr. Morton is at present a member of the council, and his work in that body has been entirely satisfactory to the people.

The most interesting contest of the convention was when the balloting for candidates for councilmen took place. There were six nominees, being H. J. Southard, Dr. Edwin Ross, T. S. White, James Dart, Edwin Olsen and Edward Ballagh. Ballot voting was the method employed, resulting in the nomination of H. J. Southard and Edward Ballagh. With the exception of the first named gentlemen the race was a most interesting one. Messrs. Ross, White and Ballagh were keen competitors for the honor, with almost an equal amount of sentiment in favor of each one.

Considerable interest centered in the contest for the nomination for treasurer, there being three nominees. H. P. Watkins, the present incumbent, beating his opponents by a small margin. For water commissioner L. E. Allen was nominated by acclamation.

A. L. Stone and Martin White acted as tellers of the convention. The entire ticket is considered a very strong one, and in the election, which will take place on Monday, April 5th, will, without doubt, be strongly endorsed by the citizens.

ONLY COUNTY TAX PAID WITH WARRANTS

State Tax Commission Makes Recent Ruling to That Effect

The state tax commission on Thursday made a ruling that although county treasurers may accept county warrants in payment of county taxes, they cannot accept them in payment of state, school, library, road or city taxes. The statute specifically provides that county taxes, which is defined to be taxes levied to produce funds over which the board of county commissioners has full authority may be paid in warrants, but that the state and other taxes must be paid in money.

PIONEER RESIDENT OF CLATSKANIE DIES

Woman's Relief Corps Entertains Members of Grand Army.

The women's Relief Corps served a sumptuous supper to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic at Clatskanie last Saturday evening. The banquet hall was decorated with flags and laurel.

Richard I. Davey died last Sunday evening at his home in Clatskanie. Mr. Davey had been a resident of Columbia county for 30 years and leaves a large circle of friends. He was born October 24, 1839, at Hythe, County Kent, England. He is survived by a widow and 13 children. The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church with interment in the family plot on Tuesday.

ESTABLISH EASTERN SALES DEPARTMENT

CARGOES TO BE CUT AND LOADED AT ST. HELENS—GROWING TRADE RESULTS.

McCormick Lumber Company Establishes Sales Yards at New York—New Industry for Company.

In stocking a recently established yard at New York the Charles R. McCormick Lumber Company has arranged for the transportation of 6,000,000 feet of lumber and to handle most of it the steamer Alvarado has been chartered to make three voyages, carrying 1,500,000 feet each trip. The steamer St. Helens was fixed last month for the same business and loads at St. Helens about April 1, with 1,500,000 feet.

The steamer Alvarado is to start her first cargo on March 27, and the material she carries is to be taken on at St. Helens and Westport. The company opened an agency at New York about a month ago with C. E. Bland, formerly of the Los Angeles office, in charge. The charter of the St. Helens followed immediately and with the engagement of the Alvarado it is assured there will be a steady movement of Oregon lumber to that metropolis. As the St. Helens was fixed for a single voyage, it is assumed that she either will be chartered for an additional period or other large carriers of the type fixed.

The New York market's demand will not detract from the trade of the McCormick interests on this coast and as a matter of fact during the past five weeks outside tonnage has been impressed into that fleet in the trade between the Columbia River and California ports as far as San Diego. The vessels flying the McCormick flag have not sufficient capacity for the long run through the Canal, consequently tonnage available on the Coast has been drawn on.

Like all firms looking to the East Coast for a dependable outlet for the surplus cut of the Northwest, it is possible that in the future a regular fleet will be employed, as the company is handling manufactured lumber direct, not transacting business through middlemen, so it will have all to do with furnishing material as well as transporting it. It is said there is now a good demand for the right kind of vessels because of the call from New York and other ports there for lumber, some of which would be handled again to the United Kingdom, the idea being to dispatch decksloads of lumber on steamers carrying grain and other cargoes across the Atlantic.

The steamers taken for New York shipments will be loaded somewhere on that coast for the return, with bulky shipments, and the St. Helens is now on the way from Norfolk with a government coal cargo.

STANDARDIZING THE GOBLE SCHOOLS

District No. 20 Leads the Way for Better Educational Conditions.

The Goble school is being standardized today. This is the first school in the county to formally standardize this year, although districts No. 52, 42, 23 and 29 are at present preparing for the adoption of the prescribed rules which govern standardizing. Miss Anne Ketel, the efficient principal of the Goble school, requested Superintendent Allen to officially attend the ceremonies. The Goble school has always been one of the most progressive in the county. Just at present an outdoor gymnasium is being built there, and other improvements are being made which will add to the comfort of the pupils and the efficiency of the system.

DEALERS COMPLETE THEIR ORGANIZATION

Adopt Constitution and By-Laws and Make Organization Permanent.

The merchants of this community, who have organized a credit association for protective purposes, held a meeting last Friday evening and perfected the organization. Constitution and by-laws were adopted and a committee to secure additional members was appointed. Another meeting will be held tonight, at which time several new members will probably be taken into the association.

LAST BASKETBALL GAME OF THE SEASON

Saturday Night Will Terminate the Year's Activities With Locals.

The Sunset Club will play its last game of basketball for this season Saturday evening, March 20, with the Sellwood Swastikas, the only team that has trimmed our boys this season. The local team is contemplating a general sparring up of things with their worthy foemen. There will be a preliminary between the second team in burnt cork, and someone has said it will be a corker. They expect a large attendance at this game, which they should have. The people of the community should attend, and thereby encourage one of the cleanest winter sports there is, and also show their appreciation of an organization which means more to the city than it is given credit for. The objects of this organization are to be explained in the paper in detail pretty soon, from which it may be readily enough understood that it is not a selfish organization, but a public benefit, brought about by the local firemen. The officers of the club are: President, L. E. Allen; vice-president, J. P. Brown; secretary, H. F. Peterson; treasurer, Donald McDonald; directors, L. E. Allen, H. E. Peterson, Fred Watkins, Arthur Ketel, F. J. Sten and M. E. Miller.

BOWLBY'S METHODS VIGOROUSLY ASSAILED

Commissioners of Jackson County Oppose Highway Engineer.

The methods of conducting state highway matters in Jackson county under the official programme of Major Bowlby were vigorously assailed last Wednesday, when W. C. Lever and Frank Madden, commissioners for that county, appeared before the state highway commission. Incidentally it developed that ex-Governor West, who as a member of the commission which selected Bowlby, is now representing the contractor who performed the work in Jackson county, and is demanding of the county court that it allow his claims for extras.

OLD TIME RESIDENT OF COUNTY

Reward of Industry is Splendid Farm and Thriving Business.

W. B. Colvin, of Marshland, was in the county seat Monday, interviewing the tax collector and liquidating his deficiencies with the county. Mr. Colvin is one of the pioneer settlers in this county, having located in the vicinity of Marshland many years ago, where he has resided continuously. Several years ago he acquired title to the Bryant place, about one mile above Marshland, where he now resides, and is engaged in the dairy business. He has one of the splendid farms in this county, owning 250 acres, one hundred acres of which is bottom land, and the best that exists. His herd consists of twenty-five cows, which yield a good income the year round. He says his brother, Henry, who, several years ago, retired from the logging business and disposed of his timber holdings at a good price, is now one of the progressive farmers in the vicinity of Aurora.

PASSING OF RESPECTED PIONEER RESIDENT

Mrs. Tinkham, of Warren, Had Resided Here Many Years.

Mrs. J. W. Tinkham, of Warren, died at her home at Warren, Tuesday, March 16. Mrs. Tinkham had resided in that vicinity for 26 years, and was widely known and highly respected. On February 4th, last, Mr. and Mrs. Tinkham celebrated the 60th anniversary of their wedding day, at that time both being in good health. On that occasion they were surrounded by many of their relatives and a host of friends. Besides the husband, many relatives survive, being Mrs. A. M. Kennedy, Beaverton; Mrs. Cora Allumbaugh, of Warren; Mrs. A. N. Terrill, Portland; Modjeski Tinkham, Portland; daughters; Mrs. Charles Hilton and Mrs. B. C. Felling, Portland; and Mrs. Ranlet, of Oakland, Cal., sisters. The remains were laid to rest yesterday in Odd Fellows cemetery, Warren. Mrs. Tinkham was about 78 years of age.

RAILROAD TOWN TO BE ESTABLISHED

NEHALEM TERMINUS OF THE KERRY ROAD TO BE A THRIVING CITY.

Primary Object is to Provide Pleasant Place of Abode for Large Number of Workmen

Columbia county is to have a new town. It is not to be the rival of any city in the county for any honors. In its beginning it will be unpretentious, but as the years go by it may bloom into both beauty and thrift. The new town is to be located at the junction of Deep creek with Nehalem River, where the railroad now being built from Kerry, just east of Westport, finds its terminus on the Nehalem.

A. S. Kerry, who is building the Columbia River & Nehalem Railroad, is also founding the new town. Mr. Kerry's idea is primarily to establish a community trading point, where all the rural beauties may be enjoyed in connection with such metropolitan conveniences as it will be possible to install. The latter will have no limit up to the reasonable expenditure of money to provide them. Mr. Kerry's foremost idea will be to make the surroundings so pleasant and the conditions so perfect that there will never be any dissatisfaction expressed by the employees, of which there will probably be several hundred, to make their homes in the little city.

Mr. Kerry is building a splendid piece of railroad. No expense is being spared to construct it in the most substantial and thorough manner. Its permanency was the first impulse of the builder, and all subsidiary improvements are being made with the same idea in view. The road, when completed, will be approximately thirty miles in length, and traverses a section of country wholly undeveloped until it reaches the beautiful and fertile valley of the Nehalem.

The tonnage which the road will ultimately carry can scarcely be estimated. The entire distance over the divide and down the Fishhawk is through one of the most beautiful tracts of virgin timber on the coast. This vast body of timber will find its way to market through the medium of this transportation line. It will require years to remove the timber. Laterals from the main line will reach in all directions, tapping the timber for miles either side.

In the wake of all this commercialism and traffic in the virgin wealth of the district there will be other and equally important and permanent developments take place. From the manifest evidence of permanency which surrounds the character of the improvement now going forward there will be inspiration for others to keep pace in other lines of development. Lands will be put to cultivation, substantial and permanent homes will be built and rural husbandry will thrive, the whole district will bloom and the entire county will benefit.

The new town will be located on what was formerly the D. W. Freeman place, on the west side of the Nehalem river. It is said to be an ideal location for the establishment of a small city. The railroad will extend up Deep creek for a short distance, but the new town will be the real terminus of the road.

In all probability the road will be completed this summer as far as the proposed site of the new town. A tunnel 1800 feet through the mountain has been completed and headway in construction of the road will be more rapid. Kerry station, on the Astoria railroad, has been the scene of a great deal of activity during the last two years, since construction of the new railroad was begun.

NEW COUNTY ROAD IS BEING LOCATED

Surveyor and Road Viewers are Laying Out a New Thoroughfare.

County Surveyor Van Orshoven and the Board of County Road Viewers were engaged this week in establishing a county road in the vicinity of Beaver Homes Tract, south-west of Goble. The new road is a lateral leading from the Orchard View Road in a northeasterly direction, extending about three miles. The new road will serve a large number of people.

PYTHIAN KNIGHTS HOLD CONVENTION

Avon Lodge is Host to the Members of Columbia River District.

Last Tuesday was a red letter day occasion with the Knights of Pythias from up and down the Columbia river, when Avon lodge, at St. Helens, entertained the delegates to the annual district convention, which was held in the afternoon. Delegates were present from Nekanikum lodge, at Seaside; Point Adams lodge, at Hammond; Astor lodge, of Astoria; Rainier lodge and Avon lodge. At the afternoon session a great deal of very valuable work was done for the good of the order, and in the evening the time was devoted to a general feast of fellowship, which consisted of many features. About fifty members were present, and the convention of the lodge was a remarkable one. Grand Chancellor Wrightman of Silverton, and L. R. Stinson, grand keeper of records and seal were present; a delegation of about twenty from Rainier lodge, a few from Ridgefield besides members from various places took part. The convention delegates were entertained in the early part of the afternoon by a visit to the shipyards and creosoting works, after which convention business was disposed of until after 7 o'clock. At about 11 o'clock the visitors were escorted to the Guild Hall, where one of those famous Pythian Sisters banquets was served and enjoyed, and where, too, there was another feast of oratory and good fellowship, continuing until nearly 1 o'clock. The Pythian Sisters of Ava Temple have a reputation that has extended far beyond the borders of the state for their excellent cooking, and the recent effort was no exception to the rule. The next district convention will be held at Seaside in 1916. M. E. Miller, of this city, is the district deputy grand chancellor, and is much to be congratulated upon the success of his convention.

FORMER ST. HELENS BOY ATHLETIC HEAD

George Philbrook Leader of Sports for Multnomah Club.

George Philbrook has recently been elected captain of the Portland Multnomah Club track team for this season. Mr. Philbrook has been a member of the Multnomah football team and track team for the past two years. He is a graduate of Notre Dame university, receiving his degree in 1912, and was the star tackle of the varsity football eleven for four years, and was on the track team for the same length of time. He was high point winner in the western intercollegiate games in 1909, won the discus throw for three successive years at the Pennsylvania relay games in Philadelphia, and was a member of the American Olympic team at the Olympic games in Stockholm in 1912. In the track meet with the University of Oregon last year he broke the Pacific Coast record in the discus throw. Mr. Philbrook is a prominent insurance man in Portland. He spent his early boyhood days in St. Helens. He is a cousin of Geo. H. Lemont of this city.

BALL ENTHUSIASTS PLAN SEASON'S WORK

Officers Are Chosen to Take Care of Ball Matters This Year.

A meeting of St. Helens fans was held Thursday evening, when arrangements were completed for the season. E. B. Woods was elected manager, Edward Ballagh, assistant manager; M. Saxon, secretary-treasurer. It was decided to have a board of control this year, composed of the above officers. Preparations for meeting worthy foemen will begin at once.

MAN WITH BIG GUN GOES ON WAR PATH

Beats Up Locomotive Engineer and Lands in County Jail.

J. W. Reese is languishing in the county jail, being committed from Justice Doan's court at Rainier, last Friday, on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon upon the person of Hanson, a locomotive driver in the Hammond Lumber Company's camps. Reese was unable to furnish bond to appear before the grand jury at the May session.